

**All Tied Up Draft 1 - By Elizabeth Busch**

Backstage of Press Conference - Day

*Politician 1 is pacing back and forth.*

*Politician 2 walks on and over to Politician 1.*

Politician 2

Ha! You are so going down today!

Politician 1

(serious) Oh I know! They're gonna eat me  
alive out there!

Politician 2

(pause)

What do you mean? What's wrong?

*Politician 1 points at tie.*

Politician 1

Look at this! Do you see this?!

*Politician 2 looks Politician 1 up and down.*

Politician 2

Well I see a tie. What's the big deal?

Politician 1

I wore this tie to my interview at the Good  
Morning show last month!

Politician 2

Seriously?!

*Politician 2 hits Politician 1 upside the head.*

Politician 2

What were you thinking?! You saw what  
happened when Senator Frank wore the same  
tweed jacket twice in the same month! The  
press ate him alive!

Politician 1

I know! I'm such an idiot! I was just in such  
a rush to get out of the house. The kids  
needed to get to school and I hadn't had my

morning coffee yet and oh god this is my worst nightmare!

*Politician 2 grabs Politician 1 and shakes him.*

Politician 2  
Pull yourself together! Ok we'll get through this! You're a strong independent man! You don't need them to validate you!

Politician 1  
(startled) But- But my tie!

Politician 2  
Hey! You're a brilliant leader and have the chance to do some real good for this country! A tie ain't gonna change anything!

Politician 1  
(calming down) You think so?

Politician 2  
Yeah I know so. Screw the press and there obsession with men's clothing! It doesn't matter who we're wearing or if we wore it before. It's our policies that matter.

*Both men look up at sound of announcement.*

Announcer  
The Press Conference will begin in five minutes. Please take your seats.

Politician 1  
Thanks for the pep talk.  
(pause)  
But they're still gonna eat me alive out there for this stupid tie. Policies or not there will still be some article on how I don't care about my appearance.

Politician 2  
No. I won't allow it.

*Politician 2 takes off his tie and gives it to Politician 1.*

Politician 2

We'll trade, you wear mine and I'll wear yours.

Politician 1

(shocked) You would really give this to me?  
Why help me

Politician 2

This is a woman's world after all, us men gotta look out for each other.

*Both men swap ties and help each other adjust them.*

Politician 1

But what if-

Politician 2

(cuts off) Hey! Stop over thinking it! Now are you gonna stay here and cry, or are you gonna get out there and tell the world what a hot piece go garbage I am?!

Politician 1

(gaining confidence) Yeah.

Politician 2

Yeah?!

Politician 1

YEAH!

Politician 2

Now get out there and expose my ass!

*Politician 1 runs out of room cheering. Secretary walks over.*

Secretary

(confused) Sir, that is your political rival. Why would you help him?

Politician 2

(scoffs) It's a guy thing Cindy, you wouldn't understand.

*Politician 2 leaves the room for the conference. Secretary shakes head, disappointed.*

Secretary  
(rolls eyes) Ugh, Men.